

Finance and Administration Cabinet Newsletter
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Win Prizes in NO Piggybacking Campaign for the SOB

Every day the Kentucky State Office Building (SOB) has visitors, vendors and/or past employees entering the building through employee entrances. Often a current employee will scan his or her badge and then, out of politeness, hold the door open for the next person. Only the first person to the door actually scans a badge.

We all know the importance of a safe and secure work environment. That's why the Department of Revenue's Safety Committee and Quality Leadership Council recently initiated an anti-piggybacking campaign to combat the piggybacking problem.

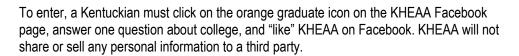
The campaign will reward DOR and Personnel Cabinet employees who present their badges to the scanners even when they are given the opportunity to piggyback into the building on someone else's badge. "Safety Spotters" are looking for employees who ask potential piggybackers to scan their own badges as they enter the building.

When spotters see someone "doing the right thing," they give the employee a ticket. The ticket instructs the employee to fill in their personal information and then submit the ticket for a \$10 Gibby's gift card weekly drawing. Drawings will continue for 12 weeks. At the end of the 12 weeks, all tickets will be entered into a drawing for a free night at a Kentucky State Park along with gift cards for food and gas.

The campaign has just started and already there has been a sizeable increase in employees scanning their badges as they enter the building – even when they enter in groups.

Kentucky residents have chance to win an iPad in KHEAA drawing

Kentucky residents have another chance to win a new iPad from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) in a sweepstakes being held through Facebook in August. The contest runs from 12 a.m. on August 1, 2013, through 12 a.m. on September 1, 2013.





Only Kentucky residents are eligible. Employees of KHEAA or its sister agency, the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (KHESLC), and their immediate family members are not eligible. Prior winners are also not eligible.

The drawing will be held in early September, and the winner will be notified by email. The winner must respond by email within three calendar days to receive the fourth-generation iPad. If no response is received within three days, another winner will be drawn.

To learn how to plan and prepare for higher education, go to www.gotocollege.ky.gov. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call (800) 928-8926, ext. 6-7372.

Transparency Site OpenDoor.ky.gov Recognized as Leader

Recently, Government Technology magazine highlighted the new Citizen Tax Calculator that the Finance and Administration Cabinet launched earlier this year on the OpenDoor.ky.gov transparency portal. Kentucky is the first state to launch this type of calculator.



People can use the calculator to see where their tax dollars are going, that is, what specific programs and agencies are benefitting from their tax dollars. While public agencies typically provide budget information online, the Citizen Tax Calculator gives anyone a chance to delve down and find out more detail about an agency's revenues and expenses.

To find out where tax dollars go, a person can enter the amount of state taxes they paid. The results come back in an easy to read, visual format. Users can then look closely into 6 major categories to trace state spending in more than 100 subcategories.

According to Greg Haskamp, Executive Director of the Office of Policy and Audit and who helps maintain the OpenDoor portal, "This furthers our outreach to citizens to show them where their money goes in an easy to understand and interactive way."

Pay to Play...and Eat

For nearly 25 years, DOR's Division of Collections employees have contributed to a Break Fund, often by paying \$1 for the privilege to come to work in casual clothing. The money that's collected is then distributed to various charities or used for division activities. Recently, the Break Fund committee cooked up lunch for everyone to enjoy!





Legislative Calendar

The Finance Cabinet will be presenting before several committees including:
Capital Plan Advisory Board, July 17
Transportation Interim Joint Committee, July 22

Back to School Offers from Dell

Dell offers Kentucky state employees discounts through its member purchase program. See offers for back to school computers and accessories. Go to: http://view.ed4.net/w/5NI7CX/YHKRVY/RN0GBYG/RUVWPD4/1/b1308a7b61cfdd400034/

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